

Duke. Vpon mine honor thou shalt marrie her:
Thy slanders I forgive, and therewithall
Remit thy other forfeits: take him to prison,
And see our pleasure herein executed.

Luc. Marrying a punkie my Lord, is pressing to death,
Whipping and hanging.

Duke. Slandering a Prince deserues in
She Claudio that you wrong'd, looke you restore.

Ioy to you Mariana, loue her Angelo:

I haue confes'd her, and I know her vertue:

Thanks good friend, *Escalus*, for thy much goodnesse,

There's more behinde that is more gratefull.

Thanks *Prouost* for thy care, and secrecie,

We shall imploy thee in a worthier place.

Forgiue him *Angelo*, that brought you home

The head of *Ragozine* for *Claudio's*,

Th' offence pardons it selfe. Deere *Isabell*,

I haue a motion much imports your good,

Whereto if you'll a willing eare incline;

What's mine is yours, and what is yours is mine.

So bring vs to our Pallace, where wee'll show

What's yet behinde, that meete you all should know.

The Scene Vienna.

The names of all the Actors.

Vincenzio: the Duke.

Angelo, the Deputie.

Escalus, an ancient Lord.

Claudio, a young Gentleman.

Lucio, a fantasique.

2. Other like Gentlemen.

Prouost.

Thomas. } 2. Friars.
Peter.

Elbow, a simple Constable.

Froth, a foolish Gentleman.

Clowne.

Abhorson, an Executioner.

Barnardine, a dissolute prisoner.

Isabella, sister to *Claudio*.

Mariana, betrothed to *Angelo*.

Juliet, beloued of *Claudio*.

Francisca, a Nun.

Mistris Over-don, a Bawd.

FINIS.



The Comedie of Error

Actus primus, Scena prima.

Enter the Duke of Ephesus, with the Merchant of Siracusa,
Taylor, and other attendants.

Marchant.

Proceed *Solima* to procure my fall,

And by the doome of death end woes and all.

Duke. Merchant of *Siracusa*, plead no more.

I am not partiall to infringe our Lawes;

The enmity and discord which of late

Sprung from the rancorous outrage of your Duke,

To Merchants our well-dealing Countreimen,

Who wanting gilders to redeeme their liues,

Haue seal'd his rigorous statutes with their bloods,

Excludes all pittie from our threatening lookes:

For since the mortall and intestine iarrs

Twixt thy seditious Countreimen and vs,

It hath in solemne Synodes beene decreed,

Both by the *Siracusians* and our felues,

To admit no trafficke to our aduerse townes:

Nay more, if any borne at *Ephesus*

Be seene at any *Siracusian* Martts and Fayres:

Again, if any *Siracusian* borne

Come to the Bay of *Ephesus*, he dies:

His goods confiscate to the Dukes dispose,

Vnlesse a thousand markes be leuied

To quit the penalty, and to ransom him:

Thy substance, valued at the highest rate,

Cannot amount vnto a hundred Markes,

Therefore by Law thou art condemn'd to die.

Mer. Yet this my comfort, when your words are done,

My woes end likewise with the euening Sonne.

Duk. Well *Siracusian*; say in brieft the cause

Why thou departedst from thy native home?

And for what cause thou cam'st to *Ephesus*?

Mer. A heauier taske could not haue beene impos'd,

Then I to speake my griefes vnspokeable:

Yet that the world may witnesse that my end

Was wrought by nature, not by vile offence,

Ile vtter what my sorrow giues me leaue

In *Syracusa* was I borne, and wedde

Vnto a woman, happy but for me;

And by me; had not our hap beene bad:

With her I liu'd in ioy, our wealth increas'd

By prosperous voyages I often made

To *Epidamium*, till my factors death,

And he great care of goods at randome left;

Drew me from kinde embracements of my spouse;

From whom my absence was not fixe moneths olde,

Before her selfe (almost at fainting vnder)

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The pleasing punishment

Had made prouision for

And soone, and safe, arri

There had she not beene

A ioyfull mother of two

And, which was strange,

As could not be distingui

That very howe, and in

A meane woman was del

Of such a burthen Male,

Those, for their parents v

I bought, and brought v

My wife, not meancly pr

Made daily motions for

Vnwillling I agreed, alas

A league from *Epidamium*

Before the alwaies winde

Gaued any Tragick Inst

But longer did we not re

For what obscured light

Did but conuay vnto ou

A doubtfull warrant of i

Which though my selfe

Yet the incessant weepin

Weeping before for wha

And pittieous playnings

That mourn'd for fashion

Forst me to seeke delays

And this it was: (for othe

The Sailors sought for sa

And left the ship then sin

My wife, more carefull fo

Had fastned him vnto a sh

Such as sea-faring men pr

To him one of the other

Whil'ft I had beene like h

The children thus dispos

Fixing our eyes on whom

Fastned our felues at eyth

And floating straight, ob

Was carried towards *Cor*

At length the sonne gazin

Dispers't those vapours th

And by the benefit of his

The seas waxt calme, and

Two shippes from farre,

Of *Corinth* that, of *Epidam*

But ere they came, oh let

Gather the sequell by tha

Duk. Nay forward ol